

Abstract of the Disclosure

**STENT DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM**

5                   Expandable intraluminal stents are provided as well their method of  
manufacture. These stents are made of metal, the metal characterized by a desired  
porosity, with a drug compressed into the pores of the stent. The stents are formed by  
subjecting one or more powdered metals in a die cavity to a pressure treatment followed  
by a heat treatment. The metal may be cast directly in a stent-like form or cast into  
10 sheets or tubes from which the inventive stents are produced. The so-formed porous  
metal stent is then loaded with one or more drugs.

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